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LOADING CARS AT ST. HELENS MILL

Truck and Terminal Company Have Track Completed Into St. Helens and Have Already Loaded Cars With Lumber and Ties.

The fondest dreams of the pioneers have come true. The iron trail is into the city of St. Helens proper. Last Thursday evening two S. P. & S. cars were pushed across the new raw bridge at Frogmore slough and were shunted up to the loading dock at the St. Helens mill. Early Friday morning the loading crews were at work, and Saturday morning the first carload of ties was delivered to the S. P. & S. for construction work along their lines. Since that time the spotting of cars at the big loading dock has been a daily occurrence and to date some twenty cars have been loaded and sent on their way to various parts of the United States. It is estimated by an official of the dock company that the new enterprise hits its stride an average of ten cars per day will be loaded at the local mill.

Construction Not Finished

Although trains are now entering St. Helens over the new railroad, construction work is not completed. There is still several hundred feet of main line to be laid from the present rail end to Cowitz street and there is over a mile of sidetracks and spurs yet to be constructed. At the Columbia County mill there are sidetracks to be built to serve that mill and the sawing plant, and the siding for these tracks and the new siding at the plant is now being laid. In the local yards there are several spur tracks to be put in to facilitate the handling of freight and mail and a sidetrack will be constructed to the quarry of the Columbia Construction company to accommodate that plant.

S. P. & S. engineers have recently completed a survey for a new sidetrack at the junction of the dock & main line with their road and it is expected that this will be completed in the near future. This new sidetrack in conjunction with the tracks already in will form a "Y" at this point, which it is pointed out, will be of great convenience to both companies.

As a result of the finishing of the dock & Terminal road it is understood that plans are under way for construction of a double-track sidetrack along the Willamette slough, that the proposition of dredging the slough to such a depth that the best ocean-going boats may dock, has been submitted to the government for consideration. If these plans develop St. Helens will soon be a busy port with Astoria and Portland for ocean trade, and be rated as a fledgling terminal point.

OFFICIALS INSPECT ROAD

Yesterday afternoon Ernest H. Meyer, chief of the Portland office of the McCormick company; Mr. McKay, chief agent for the S. P. & S. road and C. H. Weber, rail agent in St. Helens, inspected the new road. They expressed themselves well pleased with the work as far completed and advanced the opinion that the new enterprise will be a much to the city of St. Helens. There are three and one-half miles of sidetracks and something over a mile of main line to be constructed. The plan of development as set by Manager Wheeler of the Columbia County mill, represents an outlay of over \$100,000. A small amount of this has been contributed to St. Helens' labor. The plan of the road means that mill company has added facilities for distribution of its product consequently a greater selling territory. This in turn means increased production and increased action means a larger pay roll, alone in the plant, but in the handling of the cars, the maintenance of the road, etc. And, moreover, opens the way for the establishment of other industrial enterprises in St. Helens. Already, it is stated, there are propositions under consideration for the establishment of several enterprises allied to the lumber business.

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED

Ed Hollingsworth, of Warren, has been appointed campaign director for Columbia county for the union campaign under the direction of the Interchurch World Movement, which will run from April 12 to May 2. Denominational representatives for the denominations participating in the campaign have been appointed, as follows: Presbyterian, New Era Movement, R. A. Weld, Clatskanie, Ore. The drive plans call for a large amount of work in this county, including the distribution of literature, the holding of meetings, and the securing of contributions. The campaign is being conducted by the national campaign director, and the local campaign director, and the denominational and interdenominational representatives have been appointed. They are to be supported by the total of \$77,572, which comprises all the money for the campaign for 1920. The Interchurch World Movement, above campaign expenses, are to be supported by the denominations which were arrived at upon the basis of the national survey of the Interchurch World Movement.

FLAREBACK BURNS DIGGER ENGINEER

V. D. Hackett, engineer on the digger barge that is unloading sand for the Warren Construction company at the city dock, was badly burned about the face, last Tuesday evening. The accident was the result of an accumulation of gas in the firebox. When Mr. Hackett opened the door of the firebox the gas exploded and the flareback of flames caught him squarely in the face. He was given medical attention by local physicians and afterward removed to Portland. At last reports he was resting easy and physicians in attendance stated that unless the burns became infected, there was little doubt about his speedy recovery.

INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

County Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon in the Methodist Church With Good Attendance.

The county conference of the Interchurch World Movement was held yesterday at the Methodist church in St. Helens with a good attendance. The program started at 1:30 in the afternoon and was as follows: Devotional, Rev. Sullens, district superintendent of Congregational Extension Society and conference leader; Presentation of the plan of the Interchurch Movement, Rev. W. O. Day; Financial Campaign, Rev. Sullens; Foreign Survey, Rev. Millican; Home Survey, Rev. Sullens; Evangelistic Program, Rev. W. O. Day; Literature, Mrs. Wright; County Organization Statement, Rev. Spearow; Exhibits, W. O. Day; Questions and Answers.

The evening program consisted of: Woman's Address by Mrs. Wright, stereoscopic lecture by Rev. Sullens, showing world conditions and the results already made by the interchurch movement, and adjournment during which a delightful luncheon was served. There were two cars loaded with delegates from the churches in Rainier and Clatskanie in attendance and had it not been for the inclement weather there would doubtless have been many more. The principle object in the county conference was to form a county organization and select a county conference leader, but up to the time of going to press (Thursday night) no one had been elected to the position. The interchurch movement is not merely a program, according to conference leaders. It is a movement involving all the Protestant churches of the Christianized world to reach out and Christianize those portions of the globe still worshipping other than the Christian God.

BAD WEATHER HALTS HIGHWAY WORK

The recent spell of bad weather has halted operations on the highway between Scappoose and McBride canyon. It is said that the roadbed is in a much softer condition than it has been at any time during the winter and that it is impossible to put a truck over the road. It is understood that the Warren company have both the paving plants that will handle this stretch, practically ready for operation and as soon as the weather will permit, will be hard at work spreading the asphalt. This week two barges of sand were unloaded at St. Helens. There was approximately 900 yards of sand in the two loads.

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION

County court is in session this week and the usual routine of work is being handled. Thursday afternoon there was a meeting of the court and all the road supervisors of the county together with the county roadmaster. The object of this meeting was to get together on the road program for the coming year that there may be a better understanding and cooperation. It is planned to hold these meetings once each month during the season of activity in road building.

Mrs. Joseph Strickland of Cumberland, Wisconsin, and Mrs. T. E. Trenchard of Hamilton, Montana, are the guests of Judge and Mrs. White. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. White and expect to stay in St. Helens as her guests for about two months. Mrs. Sherman Miles was hostess at a delightful luncheon served Thursday afternoon at her country home on the Warren road. After the luncheon the afternoon was pleasantly spent at cards. Those present were Mesdames McCormick, Southerlin, Gill Eugene Blakesley, Downing, Stone, Orin Shepherd, L. G. Ross and Mrs. Frank Miles of Portland.

Mrs. Harold English, who has been ill for some time, is reported as being greatly improved in health and will soon be able to be out again. Mrs. English served for some time as yeomanette at the Bremerton navy yard during war time.

The Catholic ladies bazaar opens today in the Muckle building, in the store room formerly occupied by Austin's. The work on display is the work of the Catholic ladies and their handiwork is far-famed. Ladies are invited to call and see the display whether they purchase or not.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell were Portland visitors the fore part of this week.

CLEAN-UP CAPTAINS ARE ALL DEPUTIZED

Committee in Charge of Campaign Mean Business and Captains Have Authority to Force Slackers to Comply.

St. Helens is due for the most thorough clean-up the city has ever had. This is the decision of the clean-up committee in charge of the campaign. And by way of seeing that their wishes are carried out, they appeared before the city council last Monday night and had the captains of the various districts deputized that they may have authority to force any slacker to comply with their mandate. The list of captains for the various districts, who are now clothed with the authority of deputy marshals, follows:

Business area and Water Front—Captains J. H. Thatcher and Sherman M. Miles. From St. Helens Street north to Nigger Creek including Casenau and Columbia Streets, both sides—Captain C. C. Cassatt and Clyde D. Sutherland.

St. Helens Street north to Godfrey Park and west to foot of DeSpain hill—Captains J. H. Wellington and A. M. Holt. North of Nigger Creek (Columbia Park)—Captains E. I. Ballagh and Dr. S. B. Hoskins.

Railroad Addition—Captains Prof. Hopkins and Robert Dixon. Foot of DeSpain hill and west to South Street and south to Portland Road—Captains Louis Rosasco and Rev. J. P. Clancy.

Houlton—Captains J. R. Gilby and Ed. Ketel and Dr. J. H. Flynn and Walter Blakesley.

Nob Hill—Captains L. R. Rutherford and Harold J. Broughton. Bungalow Park—Captains Dale Perry and H. A. Childs.

Clean-up week starts next Monday, April 12th, and closes Saturday of that week. This is the opportunity for every resident of St. Helens to have rubbish hauled away without cost to them. The committee urges that work be started early in the week and that all premises be spick and span by Saturday afternoon when trucks will call for your year's accumulation of rubbish. Old rags, bottles, cans and rubbish should be stored in boxes or barrels and placed on the curbing where the teams or trucks can conveniently reach them, that there may be no delay.

Chairman George Gore of the Clean-up committee, in sizing up the situation, said: "Last year a successful clean-up campaign was carried out and some fifty loads of rubbish were secured. This was fairly good for a starter, but this year we will insist that a more thorough job be done. 'St. Helens, the cleanest town in the state,' is the slogan adopted. The citizens of the town should heartily cooperate with the committee and make the slogan a reality. It is useless to recite the reasons for wanting a thorough job done this year. A town is judged by its old tin cans, bottles and rubbish left lying around. Every home-owner or home-lover should have enough civic pride to get behind the movement and help out in every possible manner. Besides the personal satisfaction in having your premises and the town as a whole in a sanitary condition, there is that pride in having the thousands of tourists that are bound to travel through the place this year, go on their way spreading the tidings that 'St. Helens is a clean little city.'"

SERVICE MEN BEING TAUGHT OCCUPATIONS

According to information received by the Mist from Claude H. Anderson, head of the Federal Board for Vocational Education for District No. 13 including Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, the following Columbia county service men are being taught occupations at the expense of the government, or are eligible and have deferred their training for various reasons:

St. Helens—George Nones, tryout at Belknap Walker Business college; Cecil J. Ross, pre med., University of Washington (approved but no response to third notice). Scappoose—Wenclaw Fisher, commercial, Belknap Walker Business college; Walter Wodesky, tryout, University of Washington.

Chapman—Leroy Gagnon, agricultural, Oregon Agricultural college (approved—deferred reasons, other business or illness).

Yankton—Leslie Steward, tryout, University of Washington (approved, no response to third notice).

The Government is training these men because they were disabled by wounds or disease which handicap them in following their former occupations. Some are trained in schools, others in shops, factories or stores, some by a combination of both methods. Single men receive \$30 per month for living expenses. Additional amounts bringing the total up to as high as \$150 per month, are allowed for dependents.

The silver tea given by Mesdames Graham and Blakesley at the home of Mrs. Graham Wednesday for the benefit of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, was a decided success and there were many guests in attendance.

Omer Beeler was in Hillsboro Sunday on one of his regular Sunday visits. According to Harry Bennett, it will not be necessary after June 6th for Mr. Beeler to make these Hillsboro visits so frequently, though Mr. Beeler is not prepared to make any formal announcement.

YAMHILL COUNTY FORGES AHEAD

Big Fruit Acreage and Good Roads Responsible for County's Growth. County Court Composed of Good Roads Advocates.

Yamhill county is rapidly developing and two factors which contribute to the growth, as we noticed it, when on a recent visit to several sections of the county, are a large fruit and berry acreage and a good roads building program which will enable the farmer, fruit and berry grower to get his produce to market.

The county is fortunate in having three men of sterling character as their county court, Judge Daniels and Commissioners Gunning and Cummins. Each of them are good roads advocates and are doing their utmost to build and maintain roads throughout the county which will open new territory and connect the rapidly developing districts with the markets of Sheridan, Newberg, McMinnville and smaller towns of the county.

Has Market Road Fund.

Judge Daniels stated to the writer that their Market Road fund this year would be approximately \$63,000, the county having voted a mill and one half for this purpose and the state matching the fund.

A goodly portion of the amount will be spent on a road to connect Newberg and a portion of the western part of Chehalis valley. The farmers in that vicinity are planting a large acreage in berries and fruits and many of the orchards have developed to the point where they are yielding good crops. The Chehalis valley has hundreds of acres of the finest land outdoors and the neat and modern homes, large and well kept barns and buildings indicate that the farmers are prosperous.

A portion of the Market Road fund will be spent in building a road from Sheridan to a comparatively new settlement. Judge Daniels stated that a few years ago, settlers went into that country and have developed their farms and orchards to such an extent that it is now necessary for them to have better roads in order to properly transport the products of the farms.

Will Vote on Road Bonds.

The county court realizing the importance of roads or a permanent nature, have submitted to the people a proposal to issue several hundred thousand dollars in bonds to be used in connecting up the paved highways and for the purpose of building additional permanent roads. The sentiment of several to whom we talked, was in favor of the issuing of the bonds and the uninterrupted program of road building.

The court, as far as possible, is building roads of standard width and with the least grades obtainable. Evidently they realize the truth of the old saying that a "road is as bad as its worst place," so no grade exceeding 5 per cent is considered unless to obtain such a grade would entail the expenditure of a vast amount of money. The sentiment of the court as expressed to us was that poor roads are a very expensive luxury while good roads are looked upon as a profitable investment and they are following out this idea in the expenditure of road funds and endeavoring to give each portion of the county a square deal.

Fruit Industry Important.

There are several large canneries in Yamhill county. At Newberg the Rupert Company have just completed a cannery which is considered a model and modern one. The first unit of another cannery is now in course of construction at McMinnville and will be operated by the same company who have other canneries in other counties. G. E. Howland, constructing engineer of the concern, gave the Mist some interesting information as to the operation of the canneries and the profit of the farmers who are growing berries and small fruits. The once despised "evergreen" berry is a sure money getter, Mr. Howland stated. He cited several instances where farmers had made from \$400 to \$600 per acre growing the evergreen. Equally good financial returns were had from loganberries and small fruits.

The Rupert Company encourage the farmer in every possible way and give him desired assistance. For instance, once each year, the growers and prospective growers meet at the cannery of the company in Newberg and have a "berry and small fruit growing school." The school lasts several days and experts in fruit and vegetable raising instruct and advise the farmers. The company turns a portion of the cannery into a large social hall and cafeteria and the farmers are the company's guests while attending the school. Mr. Howland said that much benefit had been derived by both the cannery and the farmers by reason of the school.

But berries are not the only things grown. Some of the finest prunes, apples and pears are grown in Yamhill and find a ready market. Wheat is one of the big crops and in Newberg there is a large flouring mill, and McMinnville has several of them.

McMinnville and Newberg are prosperous and up-to-date towns. Wide paved streets, good schools and churches and Sheridan, while smaller, has many of the other little cities in Oregon backed off the board.

The success and prosperity of Yamhill county is due, in a large measure, to fruit and berry growing and the soil well admirably adapted to such, is no better than the soil of Columbia county or no more adapted to fruit and berry growing, and the

COLD WEATHER DAMAGES FRUIT

A. L. Morris, county fruit inspector, is responsible for the statement that the fruit in Columbia county has been badly damaged by the unusual winter and late spring that this section has experienced. He states that the berries have suffered the hardest and that the crop this year will be very short. Pears and peaches have also suffered to some extent and a few of the more tender varieties of apples have felt the effects of the cold weather. He also states that the greatest amount of damage is to be found in the south end of the county, and that in the north part where there was a blanket of snow during the coldest part of the winter to protect the trees and shrubs, the damage is not near so great. Reports from the Nehalem, he states, indicate that the fruit is damaged to some extent, but not nearly so bad as in other portions of the county.

LOYAL LEGION WANTS A BASE BALL TEAM

Have Been Invited to Join Loyal Legion League now Being Formed in Portland.

Local No. 100 Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen held their semi-annual election on Monday evening, April 5th, when the following officers were elected: chairman, John Lang; vice-chairman, R. C. Coates; treasurer, P. D. Tarbell; financial secretary, S. B. Ingham; corresponding secretary, Arthur Connaheer.

It was decided to vacate the present premises and in the future the local will meet in the city hall or some other suitable place, as it is their intention to organize a branch of the "3 L's" or Ladies' Auxiliary. The "3 L's" has proved a great success as a social feature, particularly in the Idaho district.

A communication from the "4 L" baseball league was read asking if St. Helens local could organize a ball team fast enough to enter the league now being formed by the various mills in Portland and vicinity. The idea met with hearty approval and a committee was appointed to act on the matter.

Through the courtesy of the St. Helens Lumber company, the members and their families will be entertained at the Liberty theatre. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

SEASIDE MAN DIES AT BEAVER FALLS

Coroner White was called to Beaver Falls last Saturday to investigate the sudden death of Frank L. Cross, of Seaside. Assisted by Dr. Wooden of Clatskanie the coroner made inquiry and decided that death was due to apoplexy and that no inquest was necessary. Deceased was en route from Seaside to Portland and had stopped off in Beaver Falls to visit friends. He was stricken while making repairs on his automobile. The body was taken to Astoria for burial.

COUNTY COURT PUTS LIMIT ON LOADS

The county court has found it necessary to put a one-ton limit on the loads being hauled over the Nehalem highway from Timber to Nehalem. Because of the continued wet weather the roads are in a soft condition and the heavy traffic incident to railroad construction in that section has put the highway in a bad condition, hence the order limiting the loads. It is stated on good authority that had not some such action been taken it would have been necessary to practically reconstruct the highway over that portion subjected to the heavy traffic.

The order went into effect the first of April and will continue until the first of May.

PAUL ADAMS BUYS PUREBRED SWINE

Paul C. Adams of Warren has joined the ranks of purebred swine raisers in Columbia county. He reports that he has recently purchased from L. D. Griggs & Sons of Eugene, a purebred Hampshire brood sow. This sow came from the J. M. Fruits herd of Enterprise, who secured his foundation stock by extensive purchases in the middle west, where the Hampshires stand high among the swine breeders. In recent tests made by the packers of Chicago, Hampshire hogs dressed 90 per cent of their live weight and only 6 per cent bone and sold at a premium of over \$6.00 over the market.

The Hampshires are black with a white band around the fore part of the body and down the front legs, with short upstanding ears and small heads. Their length and depth of body makes their weight easily underestimated and many of the breeding animals reach a weight of 800 to 1000 pounds. They are very prolific, litters sometimes amounting to sixteen pigs.

Mr. Adams states that he will soon have other purchases of the same breed, which will arrive in Warren in the near future.

Mist believes that if some of the farmers of this county would take a lesson from their farmer friends in Yamhill and follow their advice as to fruit and berry growing, that it would not be many years until Columbia county would bear the same reputation as does Yamhill in this particular line.

NO "PEP" AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING

City Dads Put in Long and Tedious Session But Accomplish Very Little Real Business. Approach to Floating Dock Condemned.

The meeting of the council last Monday was a long and tedious session. Not that there was not the usual amount of strife and contention, but for the most part it was confined to little differences between the members of the official body, and afforded no real excitement from the spectator's point of view.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting the mayor called for reports. Councilman Dixon reported that the approach to the floating dock now in use was in an unsafe condition and proposed that it be condemned and arrangements made to use the city dock. After some little discussion this arrangement was agreed upon and it was decided that the council visit the dock and decide upon the most plausible manner in which to build an approach to the new floating dock and have the work done as soon as possible.

Councilman Wheeler reported that the owners of the quarry property north of Winter street would take up the matter of allowing garbage being dumped on that property and report in the near future. Mr. Wheeler also offered the suggestion that the city bear part of any necessary expenses incurred by clean-up day. After the usual discussion it was decided that this matter would be handled as in past years.

The bid of M. H. Hubbard for the improvement of Winter street from Tualatin to Plymouth streets was accepted upon motion made and carried. The bid was for \$2025 and the cost per lot was figured to be approximately \$80. Councilman Wheeler thought that the county should be asked to connect up the paving on their right of way between Columbia street and Willamette street, and also to fix up other roads within the city limits. More discussion.

Wellington Sidewalk Again. The mayor brought up the question of the sidewalk south of the McCormick residence on Casenau street. This sidewalk question is a good example of the proverbial "off again, on again, gone again, Finnigan" story. Since it was first brought to the attention of the council a month ago it has been a bone of contention, being settled one meeting only to bob up again at the next in a new light. This time the mayor dug up Ordinance No. 163, of some years ago, which ordered the construction of the sidewalk and that the motion made last week ordering the sidewalk to follow the east side of the lake or road and allowing Wellington to tear down his sidewalk, was null and void unless the former ordinance was repealed. This led to much, very much, more discussion. The reports of the treasurer and recorder were read and referred to their finance committee. It was ordered that three lights be installed on Winter street between Tualatin and Plymouth streets. The marshals named by the clean-up committee were ordered deputized for the clean-up week. The deed transferring the strip of land on The Strand to the county was read and ordered signed by the mayor and recorder. The engineer's estimate of the street work done on the hill was read and at his suggestion it was decided to place some binding material on the street before the fine rock was rolled. This would incur an additional cost of about \$200, it was estimated. The monthly bills were read and allowed, with the exception of the Burcham bill for driving piling at the new dock, about which there was some misunderstanding and it was tabled.

Several minor matters were brought up and some few were disposed of, while others were left in abeyance, and at a late hour the council adjourned.

NEHALIM TEACHERS ATTEND INSTITUTE

In response to a call from Supt. Allen, the teachers from the upper Nehalem assembled in Vernonia for a local institute on Saturday, April 3rd. The teachers from Mist, Burn, Natal, Kist, Pleasant Hill, Keasey and Vernonia were present. This was possibly the best teachers' meeting ever held at Vernonia. A good program was carried out, each teacher doing full justice to her part in a most creditable manner. The Nehalem teachers have proven themselves thoroughly progressive, now as in the past, and to be depended upon to make good.

SECURES AGENCY FOR AUBURN CARS

Lengacher Brothers of Deer Island have secured the agency for the well known Auburn Beauty Six automobile and recently received a car load of them. Another car load is expected in the near future, according to Mr. Fred Lengacher who was in St. Helens Monday for the purpose of delivering one of the cars to S. C. Morton. He has also delivered one of the cars to Mike Kaufman, superintendent of the Deer Island Logging Company and has several prospective buyers in sight.

Mr. Lengacher had the option of several car agencies, but after making a thorough examination of cars priced the same as the Auburn, chose it, believing that the Beauty Six would give the best possible service for the money invested.